

Minutes
Prescription Work Group Minutes
11/15/06

Present: Katherine Murray, Todd Johnson, Tom Werner, Russell Byrne, Melinda Malott Kim and Diane Vander Weyden, Kathy Sargent, Heather Kirby

The meeting was called to order by Russell Byrne chairman. Russell provided the group with some web based resources he has utilized through his work at Mission of Mercy. Melinda will add these to the existing resource list that has been developed.

Melinda passed out hard copies of the template to be used for submitting entries for the resource list. Melinda asked that she receive entries electronically if at all possible.

The scope of the prescription problem is clarified to include all prescription medications for all residents in the county.

Tom Werner had obtained lists of generic medications that Wal-Mart and Giant Eagle are offering for \$4.00. He will be contacting those organizations to see if these lists can be posted on a web site. Heather noted that these lists are already posted in the ER for the physicians to use.

Tom raised the question about the hospital changing its formulary. Katherine explained that changing the hospital formulary is a lengthy process. She went on to explain that the doctors don't have to prescribe what is on the formulary in the hospital pharmacy. They are free to prescribe off formulary when discharging patients.

A suggestion was made to finalize the prescription resource list by the next meeting. The group is to be brainstorming ideas about who should get the list and how. We will finalize the plan for distribution during our next meeting.

Tom asked Melinda to remind the Steering Committee of the legislative opportunity ahead. Melinda will represent the prescription group at the next Steering Committee on Friday November 17.

Tom and Russell will present the flow diagram to the group at the next meeting that outlines patient process for obtaining prescriptions once a patient is discharged from the hospital

Our next meeting is changed to the **second** Wednesday in December (one time only) due the holiday season. Next Meeting: December 13 4-5:30